

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 17 were rejected under §112, second paragraph.

The claims have been amended to clarify that, when a plurality of said expansion VLAN tags are applied to said layer 2 frame, one of two alternatives occurs:

i) an expansion VLAN tag at the top is rewritten by said expansion VLAN tag of said transmission destination area and,

ii) all the expansion VLAN tags are rewritten by said expansion VLAN tag of said transmission destination area.

In view of the amendment, withdrawal of this rejection is solicited.

There are no other pending formal matters.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, and 24 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 3 and intermediate claim 2. Claim 14 has been amended to include allowable claim 15.

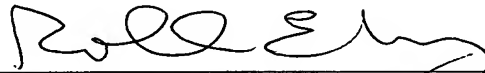
Allowance of all claims is solicited.

Allowance of the application is also solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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